

Dear Sussex CRC Parent,

Firstly, WE LOVE YOUR KIDS and are so thankful for the opportunity to share Jesus with them! In restarting the children's ministries over the past year we continue to strive for the most seamless and effective ways to serve both children and their families. Thank you for your grace, patience, and encouragement as we work through challenges and variations in this season of *GROWTH*. Looking ahead, here is some helpful information to help you navigate any upcoming changes more easily.

Our check in station will be moving to the corner of the Fellowship Hall in order to allow for more space. We are working on syncing the church center app with our check-in system to streamline the process and allow you to check in via the app and scan a code upon arrival to get your stickers. *In the meantime*, please continue to check-in your kiddos before the service and place their stickers on their backs before they attend in the nursery/classrooms. **Please make sure to have your phone in case a volunteer needs to reach you during the service.

We will be using the following names to refer to our different classes:

Infant nursery: **First Look**

Toddlers (walking to age 2): **First Steps**

Twos/Threes: **Little Learners**

Fours/Pre-k: **Kids Clubhouse**

First Look and First Steps

Due to the recent baby boom, our nursery is blessed with many little ones. We have noticed the need to separate the older toddlers from the babies. Beginning this Sunday (2/6) the infants ***BIRTH UNTIL WALKING will be in the current nursery*** with the ***WALKERS THROUGH AGE 2 moving to the adjoining room through the dutch door***. Two volunteers will be in each room. Please limit the number of items you drop off with your child(ren) as space is limited and the nursery is well supplied with baby equipment.

A note on diaper changes and feeding. Please bring your child with a clean diaper and fed. Volunteers will contact you (via phone) during the service if diapering or feeding is required. Please let the check-in volunteer know whether you authorize a nursery volunteer to change your child's diaper if necessary (so it can be indicated on their profile/sticker). Some volunteers may not be comfortable doing so and will text you in the case of need.

Little Learners

Exciting news! We will be moving this class to the left side of the Meeting room at the end of the hall to have more space. This is also where you will pick them up at the end of class.

Kids Clubhouse

This class will continue to meet in the current classroom, but move to the Little Learners class in the meeting room for dismissal to help the transition to big kid classes go more smoothly. Look to pick up your kids at the first door of the meeting room when coming down the stairs from the front left door of the sanctuary.

For all children's ministries we ask that we use the kids hallway as if it were a one way street flowing from the meeting room end of the hall toward the fellowship hall.

-At the end of the worship service we ask that parents picking up children send one parent out the exit at the front left of the sanctuary and down the stairs to the first meeting room door for Little Learners and Kids Clubhouse pick-up and/or on to the nursery to pick up from First Steps or First Look respectively.

-Please have your matching sticker ready in hand to show the volunteer at the classroom door.

-Please refrain from entering the classrooms/nurseries or allowing siblings to do so as volunteers are trying to ready classrooms for the change to older kids classes meeting after the service. Proceed on to the fellowship hall and do not linger in the hallway if possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer VanderGroef, the Next Gen Ministries Director. (973-703-2923)

Thank you for all your support and teamwork as we work together to disciple the next generation here at Sussex.